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1. During an executive session of the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Yugoslav Communist Party on 25 August 1951, it was reportedly decided to:

a. Organize within the Military Commission a new section to be known as "Section for Defense and Mobilization". Duties of this new Section are as follows:

- (1) Maximum military exploitation of the entire internal force of the country; and
- (2) Eventual military collaboration with other countries without damaging the Communist system.

(a) Members of this Section are listed as follows:

1. Marshal Tito;
2. Aleksandar Rankovic, Minister of the Interior;
3. Lt. General Ivo Rukavina, in charge of Directorate for Military Shipbuilding;
4. Mosa Pijade, Vice President of the Yugoslav Presidium;
5. Milovan Djilas, Minister of State;
6. Rudoljub Colakovic, Minister-President for Education and Culture;
7. Vlado Bakaric, Prime Minister of the Government of Croatia; and
8. Jovan Veselinov, also known as Zarko, Vice President of Government of Serbia and President of Serbian Economic Council.

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6. Organize a Section for the adoption of new economic measures within the framework of the Economic Commission". The task of this Section would be the acceleration of the fight against capitalism and capitalistic elements, in accordance with the doctrines of Marx, Engels and Lenin, but not of present Soviet doctrines.

(1) Members of this Section are:

- (a) Boris Kidric, Minister-President of the Industrial Council;
- (b) Dobrivoje Radosavljevic, Minister of Finance of Yugoslav Government;
- (c) Osman Karabegovic, Minister-President of the Council for Trade;
- (d) Edvard Kardelj, Vice President of Yugoslav Government and Minister of Foreign Affairs;
- (e) Frane Leskovsek, Minister-President of the Yugoslav Council for Machine Construction;
- (f) Rato Dugonjic, Minister-President of the Yugoslav Council for the Processing Industry; and
- (g) Mijalko Todorovic, Minister-President of the Council for Agriculture and Forestry.

2. The Commission for Foreign Affairs was also reportedly reorganized during the same session. Members of the former Commission were:

- a. Marshal Tito;
- b. Edvard Kardelj;
- c. Vladimir Popovic, Ambassador at Washington, D.C.;
- d. Boris Kidric; and
- e. Mosa Pijade.

3. The new Commission reportedly consists of:

- a. Marshal Tito;
- b. Edvard Kardelj;
- c. Aleksandar Rankovic;
- d. Milovan Djilas;
- e. Veljko Vlahovic, 2nd Vice-President of the People's Council of the Yugoslav National Assembly;
- f. General Koca Popovic, Chief of Staff of the Yugoslav Army General Staff; and
- g. General Ivan Gosnjak, Assistant Director of the Ministry of War.

4. Kidric and Popovic are reportedly considered to be collaborators of Kardelj, particularly with regard to the policies toward Italy. Their removal is regarded as a weakening of Kardelj's position.

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**Comment:** The various positions of the Ministers and Government officials quoted are those prior to changes which took place in the early part of October 1951, during the reorganization within the Yugoslav Government and the Governments of the six Republics

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